

“We need your service, right now, in this moment-our moment-in history. I’m not going to tell you what your role should be; that’s for you to discover. But I am going to ask you to play your part; ask you to stand up; ask you to put your foot firmly into the current of history.”  
Barack Obama, Colorado Springs, July 2, 2008

# H.O.P.E. RESOURCES

## Healthy Opportunities for Peaceful Engagement

2009

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H.O.P.E. Collaborative general monthly meetings take place on the second Thursday of every month at the Keith Middle School Community Room from 9 am—10:30 am.



This project is supported by The Charles E. Shannon, Jr. Community Safety Initiative, awarded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security.



City of New Bedford  
Mayor Scott W. Lang



**The H.O.P.E. Collaborative is a network of community-based organizations, faith-based agencies, service agencies, and community members dedicated to building and sustaining safe, productive and peaceful communities. The Collaborative intends to develop and implement strategies, programs and public policies that will address the root causes of violence in our communities and promote peace, social justice and equity. Using a comprehensive systems approach to change, the collaborative will work with the stakeholders at all levels of city and community life.**

#### **ARTWORKS! PARTNERS FOR THE ARTS & COMMUNITY**

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ArtWorks! is a special place to experience the creative process, meet working artists and make or buy a work of art of your own! Your community arts center offers four stories filled with galleries, studios, classrooms, a ceramic studio, teen arts center, and an audio-visual computer lab, located in an historic 135 year old building. Changing exhibitions in our galleries are open free of charge to the public, Tuesday through Saturday. Come take a look!  
**H.O.P.E. Youth Mural Project meets weekly—students work on skill building and will create murals in spring and summer.**

#### **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF GREATER NEW BEDFORD**

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The Boys & Girls Club is dedicated to providing a stimulating and wholesome environment, which promotes social, educational, character and physical development for children and young adults, ages 7 – 18 years. Special concern is given to at risk youth and children from disadvantaged circumstances. Programs provide a variety of physical, recreational and educational activity including an after school mentor/tutor program and summer computer programming. Hours: 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Annual Fee: \$25.00

**H.O.P.E. Program: Street Smart Program**

#### **BRICK BY BRICK: A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION**

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Brick By Brick is a non-profit organization created to empower all SouthCoast residents to advance personal and career goals through inspiration, education and mentoring. Our main program is a Creative Careers Program which provides youth with experiential learning opportunities, skill building curriculum and after school jobs in the creative arts.

**H.O.P.E. Creative Careers Program will host after-school classes in their Creative Community Center to create and publish a Songs of Life CD and will perform at various community events. Students will learn lyric writing, computer music, recording techniques, writing, editing and publication design.**

#### **YOGA KIDS, Inc.**

Tim Donohue, Registered Yoga Teacher

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Yoga Kids provides a safe environment to empower at risk youth to build a healthy self image. Students learn how to handle stress in healthy ways.

#### **YOUTHBUILD NEW BEDFORD**

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YouthBuild New Bedford is an educational program designed to provide 16 through 24 year old residents an opportunity to learn valuable occupational and life management skills through academic remediation, community service projects and leadership development. These programs are in preparation for the GED test and higher education. YouthBuild's primary goal is to educate and empower youth by promoting discipline, integrity and work. Staff speaks Creole (Cape Verdean) and English.

Hours: Monday - Friday 8 AM - 4 PM

**H.O.P.E. hours: Mon—Thurs 9:30 AM-12:30 PM GED & weatherization training**

## **THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

### **Child & Family Services**

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### **Department of Children and Family**

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## OPERATION CEASEFIRE

Dartmouth Police Department , Chief Mark Pacheco  
Fairhaven Police Department, Chief Gary F. Souza  
New Bedford Police Department, Chief Ronald Teachman

**H.O.P.E. Program: Operation Ceasefire's aim is to deter youth firearm violence by strategically focusing on all levels of the gang unit.**

## SMILES

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The mission of the Southcoast Mentoring Initiative for Learning, Education and Service organization (SMILES) is to help at risk children realize their personal and educational potential through a large scale one-to-one mentoring program. SMILES is a coalition of caring people and organizations dedicated to creating quality mentoring matches for children. The mentoring initiative is designed to encourage students to stay in school and earn their high school diplomas. Hours: Mon -Fri 9 AM - 5 PM **H.O.P.E. hours: During & after school**

## STREET OUTREACH

Phone: (508) 825-3256 or (508) 825-3267

The H.O.P.E. Street Outreach team engages gang involved/ gang prone youth “where they are” in the schools, in the streets, at local hot spots and in the courts. The outreach team builds relationships in New Bedford, Dartmouth and Fairhaven that lead youth to make positive decisions using principals of nonviolence and conflict resolution. The outreach team also responds to crisis situations at the scene, at the hospital and/or possible retaliation sites to aid in the de-escalation of violence.

## VENILIA GARDENS, INC

Cultural Counseling Services  
Dr. Celina B. Pina Shemo, Clinical Administrator  
172 Williams Street · New Bedford, MA · 02740

Phone: (508) 996-8800 Fax: (508) 996-8688

Emergency Phone: (508) 802-3608

Website: [www.drclina.com](http://www.drclina.com) Email: [vgi4thechild@aol.com](mailto:vgi4thechild@aol.com)

Venilia Gardens is a mental health agency that provides various clinical, behavioral, and systemic interventions to children, adolescents and families. The goal is to improve, reunify, and strengthen youth and families plagued with mental and emotional health issues, and to serve those who are hindered by violence, abuse and the break-up of the family. Staff speaks Creole (Cape Verdean), Spanish, Portuguese and English.

**H.O.P.E. programs: C.H.I.N.S., Retail Training Program and Camp V.**

## BRISTOL COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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The Bristol County District Attorney's Office will continue to work closely with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and officials to deal with the issues of gun and gang-related activity in the cities and towns of Bristol County.

**The Formal Diversion Program aspires to minimize juvenile involvement in the justice system through innovative, collaborative juvenile diversion programming and comprehensive educational criminal prevention efforts.**

## BRISTOL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2ND CHANCE COURT

Pamela Talbot, Program Director  
593 Kempton Street · New Bedford, MA · 02740

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The Juvenile Court program aims to reduce alcohol and/or substance dependence among juveniles and their families by providing intensive case management and court intervention. The goal is to increase a juvenile's level of functioning by offering an array of constructive, drug free and culturally sensitive community activities. Interpreters available.

Hours: Monday - Friday 8am- 4pm Scheduled evenings and weekends

## BRISTOL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REENTRY

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**The Re-Entry Initiative** provides intensive case management to high-risk inmates who will be transitioning back into the community. Services consist of education, anger management classes, job placement support, and assistance with housing, substance abuse treatment referrals, mentoring, transportation and assistance with accessing services once inmates are released into the community. Office hours: Monday – Friday 8am - 4pm. Mentors available nights & weekends.

## COMMUNITY BOATING CENTER, INC.

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Community Boating Center of New Bedford (CBC) is a non-profit outreach and mentorship organization which provides people from the Greater New Bedford area with challenging and enriching new experiences through boating. CBC offers a variety of educational and recreational programs throughout the year built on the rich waterfront heritage of New Bedford. CBC strives to instill in the young and continue to teach people of all ages the value of integrity, sound judgment, teamwork and environmental awareness. We do this by offering educational opportunities and access to the marine environment, regardless of means, through instruction, mentoring and coaching. Hours: Mon – Fri: 8 AM – 5 PM

### **DENNISON MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER**

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Dennison Memorial Community Center promotes a positive self-image through artistic expression and academic accomplishment for youths between the ages of 6 and 16 years. Programs provide a variety of physical, recreational and educational activity including after school tutoring assistance and summer programming. Annual Fee: \$5

**H.O.P.E. Program: Teen Intervention Program Hours: 2 p.m - 8 p.m**

### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

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The City of New Bedford Department of Community Services will implement a Girls Rule Program from January to June 2009; two days per week for 20 weeks and assist girls, 12 -16 years of age. The curriculum will focus on community re-connections, the arts, life skills and making good choices in a supportive environment designed to build on each participant's academic and social assets. Staff speaks English and Spanish.

### **IMMIGRANTS' ASSISTANCE CENTER**

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The Immigrants' Assistance Center (IAC) helps immigrants overcome language, cultural, social and economical barriers in order to integrate into the American way of life. The IAC provides information, referrals, case management, outreach, and advocacy for the non -English speaking population. Staff speaks Spanish, Creole, CapeVerdean, Portuguese and English. Hours: Monday - Friday 8am - 4pm Tuesday 8 AM - 5 PM

**H.O.P.E. Program: The IAC, in conjunction with the New Bedford Police Department, provides outreach, support and case management for high-risk immigrant youth.**

### **INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OPERATION REACHOUT**

The Reverend David A. Lima, Executive Minister

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**H.O.P.E. Program: Operation Reachout provides support to violent and gang involved youth and/ or related crime victims and their families through referrals to the H.O.P.E. Collaborative from police, schools, courts and prevention/ intervention programs. The New Bedford and Fairhaven Police Departments participate in the program.**

### **INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL and PAACA**

The Reverend David A. Lima, Executive Minister-ICC

Lisa Birknes Tavares, Deputy Director -PAACA

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**H.O.P.E. Programs: TLC for Teens is broken into two separate support groups tailored to high school age and middle school age youth who are referred from youth court, alternative schools, traditional court and social service agencies. TLC helps to positively reconnect youth with their community, while building self- esteem through education and skill development. TLC provides a positive nurturing atmosphere with youth workers and clinicians who help support them and develop critical coping skills. Space is limited. Application required. Some transportation provided.**

### **NEW DIRECTIONS**

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Steve Martins, P21 Program Coordinator, (508) 990- 4119

Jamie Berberena, P21 Employment & Training Specialist, (508) 990- 4120

Greater New Bedford Career Center

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Website: www.newbedfordcareercenter.org

New Directions, Southcoast, Inc. is a non-profit employment and training organization that operates the One Stop Career Centers in New Bedford and Wareham. We also manage a variety of workforce development grants for the Greater New Bedford Workforce Investment Board. Staff speaks English, Spanish, Portuguese and Cape Verdean.

**H.O.P.E. Program: Provides job training that leads to a subsidized work experience. The Greater New Bedford Career Center will deliver a model of employment training, subsidized employment and employment placement services that includes work readiness training, Certified Customer Service Training, financial literacy training and career development via assessment tools, career counseling and job coaching. Hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs: 8:30AM—5PM Tues: 8:30 AM– 7PM Fri: 9:30AM– 5PM**

### **NORTHSTAR LEARNING CENTERS, INC.**

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Northstar Learning Centers provides safe sustaining avenues for youth to drop out of gangs by engaging in positive activities. The program also focuses on preventing gang-affiliated youth from becoming gang members by offering them a closely coordinated mix of intensively targeted intervention, supervision and support known as wraparound services. Staff speaks Spanish, Creole, Portuguese and English.

Hours: 9 am - 5:30pm **H.O.P.E Hours. : 9 AM - 5:30 PM, some evenings/ weekends**